

Appl. No. 09/943,750

Amdt. Dated October 29, 2003

Reply to Office Action of September 29, 2003

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

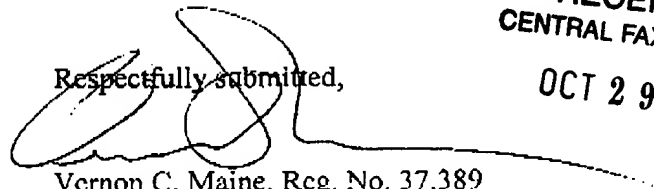
Species I: Claims 1-8, 12-14, 17, 19-21, and 23-26, drawn to a tire anti-puncture device comprising at least two layers of woven fabric, each layer having a taper fiber density of at least about 80% and formed of fibers having a tenacity of less than about 15 grams per denier; no class or subclass being cited.

Species II: Claims 27-31, 33, 35, 36, 40-44, 47-52, drawn to a tire anti-puncture device comprising a woven fabric having a round-packed cover factor of at least about 40% in the warp and at least about 65% in the full and formed of fibers having a tenacity of less than about 15 grams per denier, no class or subclass being cited.

Species III: Claim 53 drawn to a tire anti-puncture device comprising at least two layers of fabric, each layer having a bulk density that is at least about 20% of the density of the fabric forming fibers and formed of fibers having a tenacity of less than about 15 grams per denier, no class or subclass being cited.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant herein elects without traverse to prosecute the claims species II above. Claims 1-8, 12-14, 17, 19-21, and 23-26, and 53 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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